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Description
This folder contains correspondence and other documents from 1931, along with undated items that were probably generated in 1931. The selected documents consist primarily of letters of condolence from friends, acquaintances, former employees, and admirers of Edison that were sent to his widow after his death on October 18. Earlier documents include telegrams to U.S. Sens. Hamilton F. Kean and Dwight W. Morrow, U.S. Rep. Charles A. Wolverton, and other members of the New Jersey congressional delegation urging them to support the establishment of the Tropical Everglades National Park. There is also correspondence with Ronald Halgrim of the Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce regarding the dedication of the Thomas A. Edison Bridge. Other correspondents include Arthur E. Bestor of the Chautauqua Institution, author Ramon ("Uncle Ray") Coffman, boyhood friend Fred A. Fish, author and performing artist Gay MacLaren, and longtime Edison associate Albert F. Wurth.

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Title
[F5F21AA], Letter from Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce, Ronald Theodore Halgrim to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 3rd, 1931

Author

- Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce
- Halgrim, Ronald Theodore

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1931-01-03

Type
Letter

Subject

- Awards & honors/clubs & societies
- TAE name

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ROY C. BISHOP, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

RONALD HALGRIM,
GENERAL SECRETARY

ALBERT R. STANSIFER, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT
M. T. FLYNN, TREASURER

Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce
Member of the United States Chamber of Commerce

"THE CITY OF PALMS"
In Beautiful Lee County

Fort Myers, Florida

BOARD OF GOVERNORS
ROY C. BISHOP
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CLINTON BOLICK
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J. A. FRANKLIN
W. P. FRANKLIN
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ALBERT R. STANSIFER
NAT GAILLARD WALKER

January 3, 1931.

Mrs. Thomas A.Edison,
Llewellyn Park,
East Orange, New Jersey.

It would be the best date for us and we thank you for your kind consideration,

Dear Mrs. Edison:

We are looking forward to you arrival in Fort Myers and are only sorry you were not able to spend the holidays in the South.

Perhaps you remember a letter from Mr. W.H.Reynolds in regard to the Dedication of the Thomas A.Edison Bridge. At that time you suggested January 15th. as a date which would be acceptable to yourself and Mr. Edison.

It now appears that this date would be too early due to the importance of the Dedication. The Dedication Committee would very much like to hold this event on February 11th., Mr. Edison's Birthday. Naturally all arrangements will have to be made to suit the convenience of Mr. Edison. Can you tell me whether or not this date is acceptable?

Hoping to have the pleas~~e~~ur of seeing you soon, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

FORT MYERS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
B Ronald Halgrim
Ronald Halgrim,
Secretary.

RH/cs

Spring Training Camp of the Philadelphia Athletics

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[F5F21AB], Letter from Mary Elizabeth Given to Ronald Theodore Halgrim, January 6th, 1931

Title
[F5F21AB], Letter from Mary Elizabeth Given to Ronald Theodore Halgrim, January 6th, 1931

Author
Given, Mary Elizabeth

Recipient
Halgrim, Ronald Theodore

Mentioned

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1931-01-06

Type
Letter

Subject
Awards & honors/clubs & societies

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My dear Mr. Halgrin,

The date ,February 11th, will be the best date for Mr. and Mrs. Edison.

Thank you for your kind consideration in regard to this.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

Janurry 6,1931

Mr. Ronald Halgrin
Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce
Fort Myo-s, Florida

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Title
[F5F21AC], Telegram from Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison to Charles Anderson Wolverton, February 14th, 1931

Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Wolverton, Charles Anderson

Mentioned
Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1931-02-14

Type
Telegram

Subject

- National government (U.S.)
- Politics and government

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TELEGRAM

Regular ☐ CHECK
Night Letter ☐ WHICH
Day Letter ☐

Via WU Company

Date 2/14/31 192
Time 12 Noon

Hon. Charles A. Wolverton,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Mr. Edison and I strongly favor the establishment of the Tropic Everglades National Park in Florida and urge you to support Bill HR 12,381.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison

Send same message to

Hon. Isaac Bacharach
Harold G. Hoffman
Charles A. Eaton
Ernest R. Ackerman
Randolph Perkins
George N. Seger
Fred A. Hartley, Jr.
Franklin W. Fort
Frederich R. Lehlbach
Oscar L. Aufder Heide
Mary T. Norton

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[F5F21AD], Telegram from Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison to Hamilton Fish Kean, Dwight Whitney Morrow, February 14th, 1931

Title
[F5F21AD], Telegram from Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison to Hamilton Fish Kean, Dwight Whitney Morrow, February 14th, 1931

Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient

- Kean, Hamilton Fish
- Morrow, Dwight Whitney

Mentioned
Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1931-02-14

Type
Telegram

Subject

- National government (U.S.)
- Politics and government

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1967-1M-7-22

TELEGRAM

Regular ☐
CHECK
Night Letter ☐ Via WU Company Date 2/14/31 192
WHICH
Day Letter ☐ Time 12 noon

Hon. Hamilton F. Kean,
U. S. Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Mr. Edison and I strongly favor the establishment of the Tropic Everglades National Park in Florida and urge you to support Senate Bill corresponding to HR 12381.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison

Send same message to

Hon. Dwight W. Morrow,
U. S Senate, Washington, D. C.

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[F5F21AE], Letter from Fred A Fish to Thomas Alva Edison, July 24th, 1931

Title
[F5F21AE], Letter from Fred A Fish to Thomas Alva Edison, July 24th, 1931

Author
Fish, Fred A

Recipient
Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Chicago News
- Western Union
- Symington, James
- Edison, Samuel Ogden, (Father)

Date
1931-07-24

Type
Letter

Subject

- TAE health
- Reminiscences (1850s-1860s)
- TAE friends and associates

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THOMAS A. EDISON
JUL 27 1931
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Chicago July 24. 1931

H

Thomas A Edison
Llewelyn Park. N.J.

My dear Sir. when I saw the enclosed article in to days Chicago News my mind flew back over a period of Sixty Five or Seventy years ago when you and I. (Fred A Fish. son of Allen Fish an old time lumberman of the firm of A&H Fish) used to roam the saw dust pavements of old Port Hurons streets. You a North side lad living up amid the trees at the South end of the old Fort Gratiot Parade Ground. and I on Sixth St on the South side. The North and South side boys did not mingle so much in those days so I do remember you particular as a boy companion but I do remember well when you came down to work for Mac Walker in the little Western Union Office attached to his jewelry store. I am not quite sure whether you picked up your first ideas of telegraphy there or not. I remember a Will Bryant and a little Tony Brone a German lad that used to be around the Walker store at that time. I do not recall more than a half dozen men who are still living that were boys with us in the old Crawford School ("Towser" we used to call him) that stood back of the "City Hall Park".

In later years I came to know your father very well as he used to come monthly to our office the St Clair County Abstract Office of Fraser & Fish. for a monthly remittance that came to him through sale of a lot on Gratiot. He always stopped for a visit and frequently told of his visits to you in Orange. The one most enjoyed however was after his return with old Symington from their European Tour. Perhaps you will rember meeting Ed Miller and myself in the lobby of the Port Huron Club House and the agreeable half hour we spend in recalling memories of boyhood friends. You was in Port Huron at that time in attendance at the funeral of your father. I congratulate you on your arrival of 84 years I myself am approaching 53 years.

Jule McMartin I think was one of you early friends. A right good fellow whom I had a high respect for.

The only ones living that I can recall who were boys with us are

Marshall Petit and his cousin Ed Petit George Howe a son of old Lucian How a half demented old fellow there may be one or two that used to live up in Frenchtown. These with you and myself are all that remain to tell of the old saw dust town. that after all was not a bad place for boys to grow up in.

I have been living since my wife died three years ago with my daughter and her husband Mr & Mrs Murray Blanchard in Chicago. If you come over to the exposition I shall hope to see you.

Yours very truly
Fred A Fish
4603 Woodlawn ave
Chicago

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EDISON FORCED TO TAKE A REST AT AGE OF 84

Famed Inventor May Definitely Retire Soon from Active Labor.

CAREER IS REVIEWED

West Orange, N. J., July 24.—(UP)—Thomas A. Edison, inventor-hero of one of America's favorite success stories, has been forced to cease active work at the age of 84.

Overwork during experiments in producing rubber from the goldenrod plant, on which the aged inventor worked steadily all last winter at Fort Myers, Fla., has made it necessary for Edison to take a vacation from the laboratory, according to his brother-in-law, John V. Miller—a vacation that may presage retirement, in view of his advanced age.

"Since his return from the south on June 16," Miller said, "Edison has visited his laboratory only once and does not plan to visit it again for some time." He remains at his estate, Glemont, in Llewelyn Park, and takes automobile rides in the vicinity.

The figure of the white-haired, deaf inventor is as familiar to millions of Americans as his record of achievement in science, a record built up through more than an average lifetime of work with test tube and chemicals, filaments and carbons. His custom of working eighteen and twenty hours a day on inventions, neglecting to stop for food or sleep, is prominently recorded on the pages of American biography.

Edison's inventions include some of the most spectacular in science—several of which have revolutionized industry and the results of which touch contemporary life from many angles.

Starting with telegraph appliances, the young man from Milan, O., who began by selling newspapers on a Detroit-Port Huron train, passed on to discoveries in carbon telephone transmission, then produced such "miracles" as the incandescent light, the phonograph, the motion picture camera and projector, and then, after it appeared he had no more worlds to conquer, devoted himself to synthetic rubber.

VACATION FOR HIM AT LAST

Thomas A. Edison.

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[F5F21AF], Telegram from Chautauqua Institution, Arthur Eugene Bestor to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, August 3rd, 1931

Author

- Chautauqua Institution
- Bestor, Arthur Eugene

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
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Telegram

Subject
TAE health

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NAK247 52 NL=CHAUTAUQUA NY 3

MRS THOMAS A EDISON=
LLEWELLYN PARK WESTORANGE NJ=

=CHAUTAUQUA BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING TODAY SEND YOU THEIR SYMPATHY WITH THE EARNEST HOPE THAT MR EDISON MAY CONTINUE TO IMPROVE AND THAT YOU WILL SOON BE FREE OF ANXIETY WITH RESPECT TO HIM WE SHALL MISS YOU VERY MUCH ON OLD FIRST NIGHT AND SEND YOU OUR LOVE AND BEST WISHES=

ARTHUR E BESTOR PRESIDENT.

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Title
[F5F21AG], Telegram from Chautauqua Institution, Arthur Eugene Bestor to Thomas Alva Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, August 4th, 1931

Author

- Chautauqua Institution
- Bestor, Arthur Eugene

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1931-08-04

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Telegram

Subject
TAE health

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NAE228 28 NL=CHAUTAUQUA NY 4

MR AND MRS THOMAS A EDISON=
LLEWELLYN PARK WEST ORANGE NJ=

FIVE THOUSAND CHAUTAUQUANS ON OLD FIRST NIGHT JOINS YOUR FELLOW COUNTRYMEN IN CONGRATULATIONS UPON MR EDISONS IMPROVEMENT WE SEND HEARTFELT GREETINGS AND PRAYERS FOR YOUR CONTINUED WELL BEING=

ARTHUR E BESTOR.

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Title
[F5F21AH], Letter from Ramon Peyton Coffman to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, August 18th, 1931

Author
Coffman, Ramon Peyton

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1931-08-18

Type
Letter

Subject

- TAE health
- TAE personality and character
- Newspapers, books, other publications

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RAMON COFFMAN
Editor of "Uncle Ray's Corner"
818 WEST WISCONSIN AVENUE
MILWAUKEE, WIS. Aug. 18, 1931.

Mrs. Thomas Edison,
East Orange, N.J.

Dear Mrs. Edison:

I am enclosing herewith a letter to Mr. Edison & should appreciate it if you would give the same to him when you feel he is sufficiently recovered. I am likewise mailing today, in your care, a copy of my book, "Our America," and wish to refer you to pages 281 to 283. For years I have been an ardent admirer of your husband. I regard him as one of the greatest figures in all history.

Sincerely yours,
Ramon Coffman

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Title
[F5F21AI], Letter from Ramon Peyton Coffman to Thomas Alva Edison, August 18th, 1931

Author
Coffman, Ramon Peyton

Recipient
Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Date
1931-08-18

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Subject

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RAMON COFFMAN
Editor of "Uncle Ray's Corner"
818 West Wisconsin Avenue
MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Aug. 18, 1931.

Have you his book.

WPC/ ack

Dear Mr. Edison,

I have long wanted to write to you to thank you — in the name of humanity — for the splendid work you have done and are doing to build a brighter and more beautiful world. In writing my latest book, I surveyed the history

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of our continent and our country, & it seemed to me that in all the rich flow of affairs there was no figure who had done more or given more than you. It thrills and delights me to think of a man who would give thru the many, many years such single-hearted devotion to the upbuilding of the nation — and, indeed, the upbuilding of the whole world.

There is a little tribute to you in my book, "Our America," a copy of which I have just mailed to you. The book of which I speak was written for boys and girls, and I believe the mention of your accomplishments will serve as an

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inspiration to young Americans.

I have never met you, Mr. Edison, & it may be that I shall never be so favored, but I send this letter to you as a mark of the esteem in which you are so justly held.

Sincerely yours,
Ramon Coffman

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Title
[F5F21AJ], Letter from Emmie Rogers Wade to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 8th, 1931

Author
Wade, Emmie Rogers

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1931-10-08

Type
Letter

Subject
TAE health

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Very precious
picture of Mr. Edison —
very personal books —
write & thank her very
long personal nice letter

Raleigh. N. C.
118 N. Wilmington St.
Oct. 8, 1931.

My dear Mrs. Edison,

My Son and I are suffering with and for you in these sad hours. Of course you do not remember it, but you and Mr. Edison made us so happy, when on our trip through Florida, in April, you let him take your picture as we found you home in Fort Myers.

Rogers has worshipped Mr. Edison from afar since a small boy, and though this is such a sad hour for you, it must be a comfort to know the whole world beats in sympathy with you & yours.

We are sending the enlarged Kodaks of those we took, feeling they may mean a little more to you at this time. I can see dear Mr. Edison now as he stood and fixed his scarf and posed for us, as if we had been conferring the favor! And you were so gracious and kind and made us feel an indescribable sort of kin-ship feeling!

Please accept our deepest sympathy and yet at the same time gratitude for what you and yours have meant to us.

Most sorrowfully, (Mrs.) Emmie Rogers Wade.

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Title
[F5F21AK], Letter from A D Thomas to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 16th, 1931

Author
Thomas, A D

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Edison, Thomas Alva

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A. D. Thomas

c/o Exhibitors Film Ex
(Room 415) [illegible]
Film Center Bldg
630 - 9th av
Oct 16th 1931

Dear Mrs Edison/

I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Edisons illness & pray to almighty God to comfort you & your family in your great trouble.

Respectfull yours
A. D. Thomas
an Edison
Motion Picture
Pioneer.

Mrs Mina M Edison
Glenmont
Llewellyn Park
West Orange

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[F5F21AL], Letter from C L Kelly to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 17th, 1931

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[F5F21AL], Letter from C L Kelly to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 17th, 1931

Author
Kelly, C L

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1931-10-17

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Subject

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- Phonograph

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C.L. Kelly

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Tucson, Arizona
October 17, 1931

My dear Mrs. Edison:

You undoubtedly will receive letters from numerous admirers of your celebrated husband, but no one can write like the oldtimers that worked for, and loved him, as we knew him in the old'back shop!

Mike Gilmore, Waterman, Wattams, McIntosh and many others, do you recall them?

Shortly after your marriage to the 'Old Man' can you recall bringing his lunch down in the little basket phaeton and how we liked sharing the contents of the little hamper with him?

The writer lived in one of the Auchinclose cottages in Llewelyn Park and worked in the back shop for several years, at the time when the first spring motors were introduced in the phonograph.

I recall one incident in particular when the 'Old Man' gave me some good advice; I was turning down barrels for the spring motor and saying plenty to myself when someone touched me on the arm and remarked " what's the trouble, Kelly?" I looked around and said "too much sand in the casting" and back came the reply "might be too much sand in the casting, Kelly, but you can't have too much grit in the human system"

Am I talking too much shop, if so, pardon a garrulous old man, who possibly lives too much in the past, but you will understand the spirit that prompts the writing of this letter I am sure.

A photograph of your husband occupies the most prominent spot upon the wall of my home, and I am dreading the time when it will become necessary to put a piece of crepe above it. With heart felt sympathyto you, in this your hour of trial I beg to subscribe myself,

Yours sincerely,

C.L. Kelly
With pardon for
typed letter

C.L. Kelly
R-2 Box 459E
Tucson, Arizona

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Title
[F5F21AM], Letter from Frederick H Cowles to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 18th, 1931

Author
Cowles, Frederick H

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Cowles, Alfred Abernethy
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1931-10-18

Type
Letter

Subject

- TAE death and funeral
- Phonograph

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Frederick H.
Cowles

L-d/18

1217 N. Salsipuedes St
Santa Barbara. Calif

October 18th 1931

Dear Mrs Edison:

A part of Mr Edisons life is in a measure a link with my parents. especially my father Alfred A. Cowles who had a business association with your husband and who admired and respected him as a man and as a friend of man. On my mothers knee I first heard the new voice of the phonograph over fifty years ago, and in this space of time I have learned to love and respect the man, who has given so much to the world.

Only one among so many millions who have been benefited by his unexcelled contribution to our comfort, well being and happiness, I shall carry with me, for the balance of life, a feeling of gratitude for having lived in the age that produced him and permitted my knowing him.

With deepest sympathy
Very sincerely
Frederick H. Cowles.

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Title
[F5F21AN], Letter from Paul S Pender to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 18th, 1931

Author
Pender, Paul S

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1931-10-18

Type
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Paul S. Pender

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709 North Pennstlvania Street,
Indianapolis, Indiana.
October 18th. 1931.

Mrs.Thomas A. Edison,
Lewellyn Park.,
Orange, New Jersey.

Dear Mrs. Edison,

Pardon me for this intrusion, which to you must seem unpardonable.I simply wish to pay,in my own feeble way,the last respects due a great and good man,who has been gathered to his fathers.If I knew of a more unobtrusive way to say what is in my heart and soul,I would use it.

I was a poor boy.I am still a poor man.From the time of realization,Mr.Thomas A. Edison was to me an inspiration,a guide,a model and a mentor.In all history I have been unable to find a man whom I could place on the pedestal that Mr. Edison occupied in my mind and thoughts.

I am too, an old telegraph operator,and too I am an electrical engineer.I too know the the wondrous path my good friend and mentor, whom I never met or knew,has trod.I can appreciate the things he has accomplished,and the things he has done.It was my highest ambition,when I was a young man,to work and study in the shops of Edison, but for many reasons,it was never accomplished.

I take this means of extending to you and your family,my heartfelt sympathy in the loss of such a wondrous husband and father.How feeble must be,any effort of mine,to attempt to console you for a loss so overwhelming.

I too,and honestly so,grieve with you in the loss of one so dear to us all.Only the Good God himself knows how I honored that man. He was to me the personification of all that a good and useful man should be,and what I have always desired to be.May God be with you in this Gethseme,and guide you along the way.

Believe me,

Sincerely yours.,

Paul S. Pender.

Engineer.

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Title
[F5F21AO], Letter from Albert Frank Wurth to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 18th, 1931

Author
Wurth, Albert Frank

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1931-10-18

Type
Letter

Subject

- TAE death and funeral
- Labor

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Albert F. Wurth

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249 So. Arlington Ave.,
East Orange, N.J.
Oct. 18, 1931.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison:

I wish to extend to you and family on behalf of myself and family, our deepest sympathy on account of your bereavement.

In all my years of association with Mr. Edison, I always had a feeling of affection for him, and I therefore keenly feel his passing away from among us.

Very sincerely yours
Albert F. Wurth

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Title
[F5F21AP], Letter from Howard R Butler to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 19th, 1931

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Author
Butler, Howard R

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Western Union
- Quay, Thetta, (Mrs Robert A. Franks)
- Franks, Robert Augustus
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
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Letter

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Mr. Howard R. Butler

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PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY Oct. 19th

My dear Mrs Edison

Permit me, as an old friend of Mr Edison, and one who (as an employe of the Western Union) worked in his laboratory at Menlo Park, to add my sympathy to that felt by all the rest of the world for you in the passing of your great husband.

I shall always remember with pleasure and gratitude the kindness of the reception which he and you gave to Mrs Butler and myself in the autumn of 1929 when (with Mr & Mrs Franks) I came to renew my old acquaintance with the genius I had never ceased to adore

Sincerely yours
Howard Russell Butler

To Mrs Thomas A. Edison

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Title
[F5F21AQ], Letter from Walter B Gump to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 19th, 1931

Author
Gump, Walter B

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Kennelly, Arthur Edwin
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1931-10-19

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Letter

Subject

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Los Angeles, Calif.
October 19, 1931.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Llewellyn Park,
West Orange, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Edison:-

It is with a feeling of deep grief that I write this letter. You will not recall me by name, but I will identify myself in another way. It was my good fortune to be associated with Mr. A. E. Kennelley in the electrical department of the laboratory in 1893. I was there one year, and it seems to me that it was the most important year of my life, as I saw Mr. Edison almost daily.

The inspiration this experience gave me has remained with me all through the years, and has been of incalculable help.

It is doubtless a great consolation to you to know that Mr. Edison has inspired thousands like myself, and the entire world will feel his loss throughout the present generation.

With sincerest sympathy,

Walter B. Gump

Walter B. Gump
Electrical Engineer

3639 9th Avenue,
Los Angeles, Cal.

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[F5F21AR], Letter from Gay MacLaren to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 19th, 1931

Author
MacLaren, Gay

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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Edison, Thomas Alva

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GAY MACLAREN
70 EAST WALTON PLACE
CHICAGO

Dear Mrs Edison:

You were so kind to endorse my recitals and help me to recognition in my art, that I cannot help but add my message of sympathy.

At this moment, with my heart still aching for the loss of my own husband, who passed away just a few months ago, I cannot think of Mr Edison as the great genius whom the world honored but only as the husband whom you loved. Only a wife who has had to face it knows what you must suffer alone after the world has laid its wreaths and said its eulogies and gone on about its daily tasks.

Nothing that I have read appeals to me so much as the enclosed lines by an anonymous poet. I believe you will like them; They have such

a joyous ring and I believe
that they are true –
The loving thoughts of all the
world are with you today
Sincerely yours

Gay MacLaren

October
the
nineteenth
1931

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GAY MAC LAREN
70 EAST WALTON PLACE
CHICAGO

If we could listen with soul alone , he might say---

"What a strange , delicious amazement
is Death.
To be without body and breathe without
breath.
I should laugh with joy if you did not
cry:
Oh listen! Love lasts! Love never will die. "

Anonymous

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Title
[F5F21AS], Letter from Sidney Justice to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 19th, 1931

Author
Justice, Sidney

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
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Sydney Justice

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343 Elm Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

October 19, 1931.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
West Orange, New Jersey.

Dear Mrs. Edison:

Mr. Sydney Justice, formerly of Charlotte, North Carolina, now of the above address, who was Mr. Edison's office man in Charlotte, sends this message of sympathy.

Sincerely,

Sidney Justice,

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[F5F21AT], Letter from Henry Ritchard Jones to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 19th, 1931

Author
Jones, Henry Ritchard

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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H.R. Jones

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Lake Ronkonkoma
L. I Oct 19. 1931

Mrs Edison

I mourn with you and your family in your great loss, the writer having been employed in your husband Company for 16 years in his export Div. have always regretted that I ever left, for your husband was a wonderful man to work for.

H. R Jones

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Title
[F5F21Au], Letter from Cyrus Moffet to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 19th, 1931

Author
Moffet, Cyrus

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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Edison, Thomas Alva

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Cyrus Moffet

Philadelphia Oct 19th/31.

Mrs Thomas A. Edison,

Dear Madam:

I feel very sorry to hear of the death of your husband, Mr Thomas. A. Edison. He was a wonderful man during life.

Kindly accept my sincere sympathy in the loss of so good a companion.

Very truly yours.
Cyrus Moffet
#1702. Nth Newkirk St.

N.B.
Us old time Telegraphers will miss him at our yearly re-unions.

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[F5F21AV], Letter from Mathew J Ready to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 19th, 1931

Author
Ready, Mathew J

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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Helm, John E

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Mathew J. Ready
FEDERAL ATTORNEY
1138 Woolworth Building
New York City

Oct. 19, 1931.

Mrs. Thomas Edison,
West Orange, N.J.

Dear Mrs. Edison:-

May I convey my heartfelt sympathy to you because of your great loss. The world has lost its mightest man for its welfare and comfort.

My deceased law partner Mr. Helm and I had the great honor of representing Mr. Edison's interest legally on several occasions, and on my few meetings with Mr. Edison, I thought him the greatest living man, and in my himble opinion the most wonderful man whoever throd the earth, with One great Exception.

With deepest sympathy,

I am,

Very sincerely yours,

M. J. Ready

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Title
[F5F21AW], Letter from Alfred H Saunders to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 19th, 1931

Author
Saunders, Alfred H

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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Edison, Thomas Alva

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Alfred H. Saunders.

EDUCATORS CINEMATOGRAPH FOUNDATION
70 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK

October 19th 1931

To Mrs Thomas A. Edison
and Family. Greetings:-

As a long-time worker, Pioneer and Editor in the Art of Cinematography, I wish to add my sympathy to the family of Thomas Alva Edison, in their loss, sustained by the passing to the Beyond of this Soul.

Cinematography owes much to his advancement of the Art.

My acquaintance with him 35 years ago, by correspondence from England and personal contact in America the past 25 years, leads me to say: The World of Cinematography has lost its Grand Man of the Industry,

His works will always remain as a lasting monument of a wonderful life spent in the Cause of Humanity. His light will always illuminate our darkness.

Again, expressing my sincere sympathy

Yours faithfully
Alfred H. Saunders.

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Title
[F5F21AX], Letter from Martin E Shultz to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 19th, 1931

Author
Shultz, Martin E

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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Shultz, George R

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Martin E. Shultz

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P. O. Box 1165,
MES Fort Myers, Fla.
Oct. 19, 1931.

My dear Mrs. Edison:

Please accept my deepest sympathy in your bereavement. I have suffered a personal loss, for Mr. Edison was an old friend of the family; he and my father having known each other when they were young men.

May I pass on to you the words of my minister at the time of mothers death: "Don't question, don't doubt; just trust."

Sincerely,
Martin E. Shultz.

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[F5F21AY], Letter from John B Willy to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 19th, 1931

Author
Willy, John B

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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- Edison, Samuel Ogden, (Father)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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John B. Willy,
6670 Fern Avenue,
Detroit, Michigan.
Oct. 19, 1931.

Mrs Thomas Alva Edison and Family,
West Orange, N. J.

Dear Mrs Edison and Family:

The writer of this letter is a young man, thirty years of age and as my Mother, who is living knew the Edison family, when Mr. Thomas Edison was a boy in Port Huron, Michigan and my Father, who is dead used to go to school with Mr, Edison at Port Huron so father used to tell me. My father has been dead for twelve years. My folks often spoke about Mr, Edison's father, who has been dead more than thirty years according to my mother.

We extend our sympathyto you and the family, it is a great loss to America. Mr. Edison, your husband was such a genius and his inventions are without an equal. I can realize the loss of a father as my father has been dead quite a long while and I know you and the family will miss him just as Mother and I miss Father.
I have been out of work for so long and then this summer I was in a bad automobile accident, my right arm was broken above the elbow, my wrist sprained, my elbow sprained and numerous abrasions upomn my arm. I have been the lone support of my aged Mother and as her home is heavily mortgaged--it is very difficult to get along. I may be a cripple for the rest of my life from what Doctors have told me.

With deepest of sympathy,

Yours very truly,
John B. Willy
John B. Willy.

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Title
[F5F21AZ], Letter from Crocker-Wheeler Co to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 20th, 1931

Author
Crocker-Wheeler Co

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Wheeler, Schuyler Skaats
- Crocker, Francis Bacon
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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CROCKER-WHEELER ELECTRIC MANUFACTURING COMPANY
30 CHURCH STREET
NEW YORK

PRESIDENT

October 20, 1931

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Llewelyn Park,
West Orange, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Edison:

May we extend to you and all of your family our most sincere and deepest sympathy in your great loss.

It was our good fortune to have been associated with Mr. Edison for many years and we will always recall our contacts with him with the keenest interest and pleasure.

Both Professor Crocker and Dr. Wheeler, the founders of our Company, knew Mr. Edison intimately and like thousands of others admired him as a man and recognized his outstanding character and genius. Those of us - one and all - who are carrying on the activities of the Crocker Wheeler Company have the same feeling towards your distinguished husband.

We often recall Dr. Wheeler telling us of his experiences as a dynamo tender in the old Pearl Street Lighting and Power Station in 1882.

It is our earnest belief that Mr. Edison was more widely known throughout the World than any other American of this generation.

With renewed expressions of condolence,

Most sincerely,

Edmund Crang

President

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[F5F21BA], Letter from Charles Deshler to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 20th, 1931

Title
[F5F21BA], Letter from Charles Deshler to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 20th, 1931

Author
Deshler, Charles

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
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Type
Letter

Subject

- TAE death and funeral
- Labor

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Charles Deshler

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My dear Mrs. Edison,

I extend to you and your family my sincere and heart-felt sympathies in your deep affliction. I worked for Mr. Edison from February 1887 to December 1893 and then, as now, considered it a great privilege and honor.

Sincerely yours

Charles Deshler

Deshler

106 College Ave.
New Brunswick, N.J.
October 20th 1931

[F5F21BB], Letter from Pasque Gennovario to Edison Phonograph Works, October 20th, 1931

Title
[F5F21BB], Letter from Pasque Gennovario to Edison Phonograph Works, October 20th, 1931

Author
Gennovario, Pasque

Recipient
Edison Phonograph Works

Mentioned

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Nicholas II (Russia)

Date
1931-10-20

Type
Letter

Subject

- TAE death and funeral
- Labor

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PASQUE GENNOVARIO
1220 Massachusetts Ave, N W,
Washington, D. C.,

Tuesday October 20, 1931.

TO THE EDISON PHONOGRAPHIC WORKS,
Orange, New Jersey.

To All It May Concern:

I shall be glad if my service can be utilized in anyway to the confort and remains and partaining of the great loss and absence of The American Inventor, Mr Thomas Edison. For whom I have been employed from the spring of 1917; as night manager of the Edison Telephone Switch Board.

I owe so much to Mr Edisons' good managers who has offered me the recomandation as an employee of Edison Phonographic Works, Orange, New Jersey.

And because of the heart felt feelings, when connecting the telephone wires of Mrs. Edison with Mr. Edison, I will never for get her words to me: "Not To Work Mr. Edison Late At Night".

As I am so industrious, work to me is just play; and could see no hurt in my ambition to forge voice through the wireless.

However: There has been felt that among other employees Nicolas, or the Zar of Russia was entertaining a havock or side to choose by the employees there at Edison Phonographic Works; and my experience with the Lofty Clubs, of Greater New York City such as the Yatch and Republican and Progress and the New York and the Engineer and other Leading Clubs would not allow such degree of torpitude or mortification of feelings porporting mental suffering in the light of the choose of Mr Edison or the Zar of Russia for the better.

Again I may allow a cheerful offer of my service to Mrs. Edison or in any way she may feel that my service may be to her confort.

With the assurance of my earnest and faithful and humblest and highest respects, I am,

Yours very obedient servant,

Pasque Gennovario

Pasqué Gennovario,
1220 Massachusetts Ave, N W,
Washington, D C

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Title
[F5F21BC], Letter from Nellie Kelly to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 20th, 1931

Author
Kelly, Nellie

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
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Mrs. Nellie Kelly + Family Stevens Point, Wis. L-Ol/B
October 20, 1931

Mrs. Thomas Edison
and family
West Orange, N.J.

Dear Mrs. Edison:

May I add our humble tribute to the innumerable ones that have been so deservedly given to Mr. Edison. We have always taken a keen interest in his achievements due to the fact that my husband, now deceased, knew him when they worked on the same train out of Port Huron.

Mr. Edison had a 'faint recollection' of the same as he stated in a letter written me February 13, 1924 when he reciprocated good wishes, our birthdays being on the same day.

Accept our sincere sympathy.

Mrs. Nellie Kelly and family.

331 Ellis St.

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Title
[F5F21BD], Letter from Emil Kolben to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 20th, 1931

Author
Kolben, Emil

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Kruesi, John
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1931-10-20

Type
Letter

Subject

- TAE death and funeral
- Labor

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Dr. TECHN. EMIL KOLBEN

PRAHA II., VÁCLAVSKÉ NÁM.49. October 20th 1931.

Dear Madame:

With the feeling of great grief I learned to-day the sad news of Mr.Edisons death and I beg you and your family to kindly accept the expression of my heartiest condolence at this occasion.

As early as in the years 1887 to 1891 I had the luck of working with Mr.Edison at his laboratory in Orange and-together with Kruesi-at the factory at Schenectady,where I had many occasions to admire his great inventive genius and his wonderful character.Mr. Edisons death is a great loss to mankind.I shall preserve him for ever a thankful memory.

Yours very truly

Dr. E. Kolben.

Mrs.T.A. Edison

Orange,N.J.
U.S.A.

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Title
[F5F21BE], Letter from Grace MacDowell to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 20th, 1931

Author
MacDowell, Grace

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1931-10-20

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Letter

Subject

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- TAE death and funeral
- Recording artists

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MAC DOWELL SISTERS
"Sweethearts of the Air"
127 SOUTH ARDEN BOULEVARD

Los Angeles, California
October 20,1931.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
West Orange, N.J.

Dear Mrs. Edison:

Please accept our sincere sympathy and love in the passing of dear Mr. Edison, your noble and beloved husband.

We shall always remember the afternoon we spent with Mr. Edison in May 1924, when we were making records. He was so jovial and kind, showed us his laboratory, autographed three photographs for us, took us to his recording laboratory and worked with us on some records himself, which we consider one of the greatest honors ever shown us.

Each Sunday evening Edith and I sit silently and Edith receives written messages from our precious mother who has been in spirit life fifteen years. This Sunday (yesterday) she told us that "We are having such a beautiful house warming and home coming today with our dear noble Edison. Everyone over here loves him, and everything halted long enough to greet him and carry him over on the softest of pillowed airplanes, with a large greeting committee going forth to meet him and bring him where he could see that Heaven almost halted until his entry. Now he is busy studying the Heavenly light which emanates from Christ and all the loving angels over here.

"It was a great thing he did there. . .to make light for the earth. . that was heavenly work he did, so he is much more beloved than he anticipated. He was rather unimaginative about this future life, so it is all the more wonderful to him, but it will

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Los Angeles, California

be some time before he can understand why his beloved wife is not here. He can guide his sons so much better from here. He and all of our great men are working on the unemployment problem there and soon things will brighten and get better."

We have received these messages for years and in looking back, they were like prophesies and many of them have been fulfilled. We felt this was very fitting about Mr. Edison, as he has built his heavenly home with his great and unselfish hard-working life, and we are very proud to have an autographed picture of Mr. Edison on our living room wall above our Edison console.

May our love, with the love of all the world, help to bring comfort and peace to your heart, and the hearts of your dear family.

Very sincerely your friends,

MacDowell Sisters
by Grace

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51347 Teapot Dome Blues—Fox Trot
Georgia Melodians
When Dreams Come True—Fox Trot
The Merry Sparklers

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Don't Blame It All On Me—Fox Trot
Tommy Monaco's Orchestra

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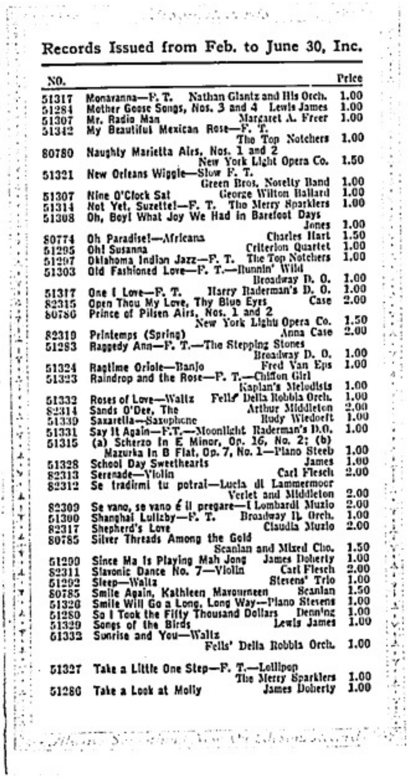

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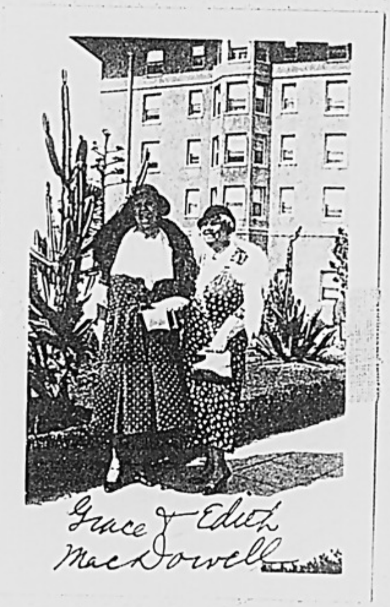

Grace & Edith
MacDowell

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Title
[F5F21BF], Letter from Anna Uhlig Kirsten to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 21st, 1931

Author
Kirsten, Anna Uhlig

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Menlo Park Laboratory
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1931-10-21

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Letter

Subject

- TAE death and funeral
- Social customs, norms, values
- Labor

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Houston, Texas, Oct. 21.—31.
1614 Scott Str.
Mrs. Anna Kirsten (nee Uhlig)

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Dear Mrs. Edison!

In your sorrow my heartfelt sympathy for the man the whole World loved and admired!

Our Gouvernor had us Texans stand attention for 60 ~~second~~ at 1 30 noon and to night at 9 oclock we are to put the lights out for 60 seconds in honor of the man who gave the whole World Light!

I am especially interested in Mr. Edison as I have seen him personally when I was but 12 years old. Being the first girl who worked in his little Factory in Menlo Park, N.J. in the Year 1882.

Last year when I seen in the picture shown here where you, Mrs. Edison, were handing out Medals to those of Mr. Edison's employees who had worked for him 50 years, I thought I would be so proud if I could get some little acknoledgement from Mr. Edison whereby I could show to my children and friends that I am not joking, but it seemed in vain even to get a few lines from him.

I have gotten several letters from old employees of Mr. Edison but they tell me they can find only records of my father, Franz Uhlig, having worked for him, well that gives me some satisfaction but not enough.

I remain sincerely
Mrs. Anna Kirsten, nee Anna Uhlig.

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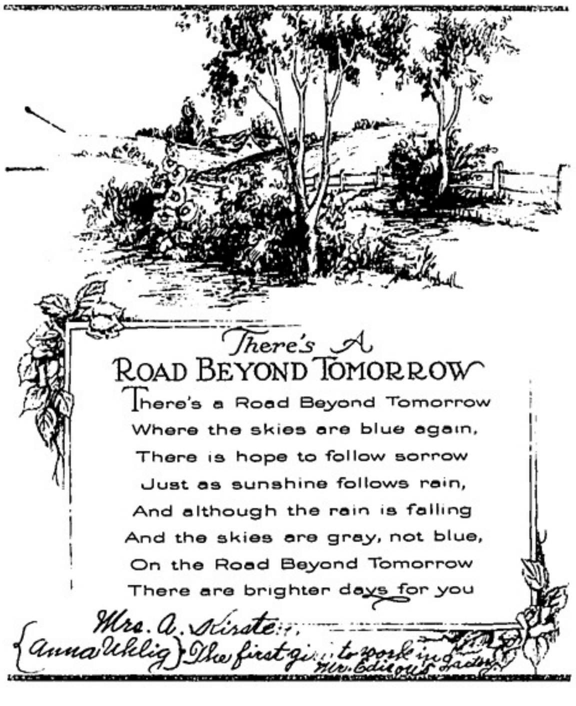

There's A ROAD BEYOND TOMORROW

There's a Road Beyond Tomorrow
Where the skies are blue again,
There is hope to follow sorrow
Just as sunshine follows rain,
And although the rain is falling
And the skies are gray, not blue,
On the Road Beyond Tomorrow
There are brighter days for you

Mrs. A. Kirste
{Anna Uhlig} The first girl to work in Mr. Edison's factory.

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Title
[F5F21BG], Letter from Walter Perkins to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 21st, 1931

Author
Perkins, Walter

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Shelmerdine, William Henry
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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WILLIAM H. SHELMERDINE
421 CHESTNUT STREET

PHILADELPHIA, October 21, 1931. 191

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Orange, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Edison:

I am writing this letter for my father-in-law, Mr. William H. Shelmerdine, who is confined to his bed with illness. He requested me to convey to you his deepest sympathy in this sad hour of your bereavement.

Some years ago he was closely associated with Mr. Edison and always enjoyed his company and held him in the highest esteem.

Mr. Shelmerdine also wishes to send his very kindest regards to you.

Yours very truly,

Walter W. Perkins

Walter W. Perkins.

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Title
[F5F21BH], Letter from Marie De Kyzer to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 24th, 1931

Author
De Kyzer, Marie

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
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Letter

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- TAE death and funeral
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Marie de Kyzer (artist)

CL/B 3704 - 74 St. ✓
Jackson Heights
Long Island.
Oct. 24, 1931.

My dear Mrs. Edison:-

I am writing to extend my sympathy to you and your family at the passing of Mr. Edison - as one of his Artist singers. I made Phonograph records for him for the Blue Amberol, then worked with tests for the new Disc records; also when he made his first talking pictures I sang the German songs in the picture which was sent to Germany. I then travelled all over the United States singing with my own records in the tone tests in which we proved how naturally he recorded the human voice. He also sent me to sing for the Radio when it was first started to see if the voice would carry on the air.

I mourn his loss as a friend, a great genius in reproducing the human voice and all his other wonderful inventions, but most of all, personally, the kind encouraging words he gave me, on my voice and my singing - I shall always honor this memory

in my heart, as the great
kind friend to all mankind.

I have kept all records
and data of my business
association with your great
husband, to hand down to my
children, who are very musical
and to posterity, and if at
any time, I or any of these can
serve your purpose in honouring
his memory, I shall be most
happy to comply with any request
of yours.

With kindest regards to
you, and with deepest respect,
I beg to remain,

Sincerely yours,
Marie De Kyzer.

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Title
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Author
Thomas, Edward Galbraith

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Edison, Thomas Alva

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E.G. Thomas

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Oct. 25. 1931.

Dear Mrs Edison:

While my association with Mr. Edison was of very many years ago, it was so pleasant, instructive and inspiring that I wish to add to the many tributes, which have been given by those who knew him longer and better than I, an expression of my great regret at the ending of his most useful life.

I worked at the Laboratory through the year 1888 as a draftsman and experimenter and of course was brought into such intimate relations with your husband as to learn promptly that I was working for a friend rather than an employer. His active mind, his breadth of knowledge and his undisputed leadership of his men were constant spurs to his assistants. His desire to have his young and untried helpers carry on responsible work and to act on their own initiative and his cordial appreciation of results attained, usually candidly expressed, was and has proved a training for later work of tremendous value.

When I came to the Laboratory your married life had just begun and one of my pleasant memories is to recall your efforts, often futile, to get Mr. Edison to observe the conventional hours for work, sleep and the dinner table. Your last resort, I recall, was to bother him by mischievously disarranging papers or by keeping between him and his work until, always in good humor, he would yield and go home.

I am anxious to express my sympathy at your personal loss and to hope that you will have many coming years of pleasant life with your family

Very Sincerely
E G Thomas
1954 Calumet Ave
Toledo. O.

To Mrs. Thomas A. Edison
West Orange
N.J.

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[F5F21BJ], Letter from May Wilkinson Watters to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 26th, 1931

Author
Watters, May Wilkinson

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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California
Oct 26 1931-

Mrs May Watters
(nee Wilkinson)

Mrs Thos. Edison.

Dear Mrs Edison

I am taking this oportunity to express to you the sinsere sympathy of a family you do not know, nor do we know you but our Father and Mr Edison were great friend when they were young men in Canada, one a bagage man the other news boy on the train. We remember hearing of many incidents of interest related by my Father, one of which I am enclosing to you out of our own local paper. Again expressing our sympathy in the loss of your husband and one of our most noted men I remain.

Sincerely Mrs May Watters
A Daughter of the late William Wilkinson
207 Lorton Ave Burlingame California

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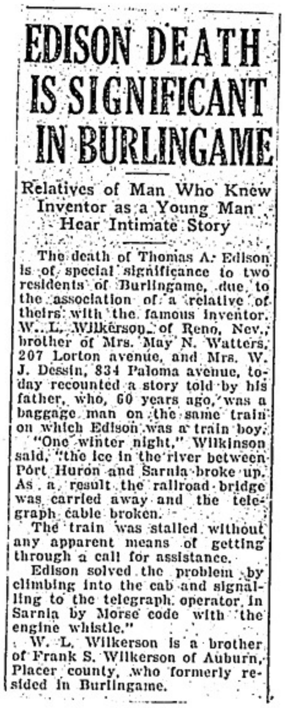

EDISON DEATH IS SIGNIFICANT IN BURLINGAME

Relatives of Man Who Knew Inventor as a Young Man Hear Intimate Story

The death of Thomas A. Edison is of special significance to two residents of Burlingame, due to the association of a relative of theirs with the famous inventor. W. L. Wilkerson of Reno, Nev., brother of Mrs. May N. Watters, 207 Lorton avenue, and Mrs. W. J. Dessin, 834 Paloma avenue, today recounted a story told by his father, who, 60 years ago, was a baggage man on the same train on which Edison was a train boy.

"One winter night," Wilkinson said, "the ice in the river between Port Huron and Sarnia broke up. As a result the railroad bridge was carried away and the telegraph cable broken.

The train was stalled without any apparent means of getting through a call for assistance.

Edison solved the problem by climbing into the cab and signalling to the telegraph operator in Sarnia by Morse code with the engine whistle."

W. L. Wilkerson is a brother of Frank S. Wilkerson of Auburn, Placer county, who formerly resided in Burlingame.

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Title
[F5F21BK], Letter from C E Wilde to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 28th, 1931

Author
Wilde, C E

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
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Letter

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C.E.Wilde

97 Wooster Street
Norwalk, Ohio.
Oct. 28, 1931.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison
Llewellyn Park
West Orange, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Edison:

I sympathize with you, for Tom was my Co-Telegrapher in the days of my youth.

A few years ago I received a letter from Tom and he gave me good advice, told me to eat little and keep my mental apparatus busy.

I would like to hear from you. I am 71 years of age and have no infirmities, do not wear glasses, active every day.

Sincerely yours,

C. E. Wilde,

CEW*JB

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[F5F21BL], Letter from B T Spalding to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 29th, 1931

Author
Spalding, B T

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
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B.T. Spalding

907 Santa Fe Ave.
Berkeley Calif.
Oct 29. 1931.

Mrs Thomas A Edison.
West Orange New Jersey.

My dear Mrs Edison.

As I was in personal touch with Mr Edison during his earlier work and he has so exemplified my ideal. I trust you will pardon the intrusion of these humble but heart felt lines.

Did Mr Edison just scale the heights at the time he awoke from that vision and said. "It is very beautiful over there." Had he not scaled the heights at the moment when he had attained each single achievement? At the time of the last vision he had stepped through the veil or mist, entirely, that surrounds the mortal, and his words were the answer that he knew beyond any doubt. He saw why he had been led to persevere and why, by that perseverance he had succeeded where others had failed. He knew that it was the Great Creative God Principle flowing through him that had enabled him to carry his attainments to the highest. Thus he recognized as all will some day, the true Genius. He saw that he had co-operated with the Great Creative Principle which is Life and he was content.

Has he departed? Is this not but an interlude of life's journey? Can we not see with him as he does see, that to construct this body structure and go on further in the physical would cause a great delay. He saw that it was not a departure, but a step from the mortal to the great immortal, and he chose to take the step, for he saw that those so near and dear to him could follow on in thought if they would, and by their thus following he could accomplish far greater work and the dear ones could be of greater assistance.

Can we not see that this great soul has not just finished his work and departed, but that he has only taken the step that best befits his glorious accomplishments. Can we not see that a soul thus gifted does not come in visible form here for a few short years, then depart and gradually fade into a mere memory, but that that soul goes on and on forever to greater and greater achievements and purpose. Can we not by this seeing him assist him to more magnificent heights? Can we not see and know as he sees and knows that the sleep is but a seeming change that all will some day understand fully, and through this understanding there will be no veil nor mist separating those that have made the change. The one who has made the seeming change knows definitely that there is no change, but that it is a deep realization of the faith that soul has held so dear.

Did not his greatness of soul come from the fact that he perceived with childlike simplicity and accepted with the faith of a child, which he knows now to be the highest and most abundant. Although it may have been dim to us he saw the evidence of his faith clearly. And yet is it the personal idol that we wish to remain. Is it not the great ideal which he perceived and carried to the highest which we wish to assist him in maintaining. For he gave the light that does light the dark places, and by giving that light and by pers[illegible] for greater light and ideals for the whole world, he has lifted the whole of mankind to a higher and a wider vision in consciousness, and that light will never grow dim, for all will know the great soul who gave the light.

To you I can humbly say that words would fail should I attempt to add one word to his. "It is very beautiful over there." Can we not see that he knows that over there is right where we are today.

My one thought is that deep and humble ideals which I have always held in thought for that great soul that we know, lives on forever.

Most sincerely

B T Spalding.

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[F5F21BL1], Letter from Quaranta Co to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 29th, 1931

Author
Quaranta Co

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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Edison, Thomas Alva

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Letter Nov. 2

October 29, 1931.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison
Llewlyn Park
West Orange, N. J.

Dear Madam:

In the month of May, 1910 our Mr. P. Quaranta accommpanied by Mr. Benning representing the System magazine, in the laboratories of Mr. Edison, made a mold of Mr. Edison's right hand for the purpose of keeping this among other molds of the hands of the great men of our country.

Having kept this treasure for the future and in memory of the great American inventor and knowing how dearly you and some of Mr. Edison's close friends would appreciate a reproduction of this mold which reproduces in life size, the right hand of Mr. Edison, we feel honored and proud to offer one cast of each to his closest friends and yourself without any charge whatsoever.

We feel that there is sentiment, devotion and patriotism in this act of ours and therefore, we take it as an honor to be able to send forward these tokens in memory of the great inventor, Thomas A. Ediaon.

Thanking you for the consideration you may give this matter and appreciating your courtesy in forwarding the names and addresses of a few of Mr. Edison's intimate friends, we remain

Respectfully yours,

THE QUARANTA COMPANY, INC.

Augusto Quaranta
Mgr.

Thank them. Would be pleased
to receive the one you intend for her and
later will send list of friends—

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Author
Lystrup, John William

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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Edison, Thomas Alva

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Philadelphia Pa.
October

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Mrs T: A: Edison.
W: Orange NJ.

May every consolation be given you in your great loss. Kindly accept my deepest symphaty; from one of Mr Edison's old coworkers.

Sincerely.
J. W: Lystrup.

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[F5F21BM], Letter from Quaranta Co to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, November 6th, 1931

Author
Quaranta Co

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Given, Mary Elizabeth

Date
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Type
Letter

Subject

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November 6, 1931.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison
Llewellyn Park
West Orange, N. J.

Att: Miss Mary E. Given

Dear Madam:

We have received your valuable letter dated November 2nd and in replying wish to inform you that the cast of the right hand of the late Mr. Thomas A. Edison will be sent you Via Parcelpost on Monday, November 9th.

We take this opportunity to assure you that we will be pleased to forward the other casts without cost to you, the moment the list of his most intimate friends, is received.

Thanking you for your kind attention given in this matter, we are

Respectfully yours,
THE QUARANTA COMPANY, INC.

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[F5F21BN], Letter from Joseph Fairhall, Jr. to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, November 14th, 1931

Author
Fairhall, Joseph, Jr

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Date
1931-11-14

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Letter

Subject

- Electric battery
- Incandescent lamp
- Dictating machines
- Phonograph

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Joseph Fairhall, Jr. Danville. Illinois Nov. 14th 1931

Mrs. Thomas. A. Edison
Llewelyn Park.
West-Orange.
New Jersey;

Dear Mrs Edison:-

Well I have had the misfortune to come tumbling off a ladder and I landed on a fence and injured my side very badly breaking my ribs and bruising my self in bad shape but I feel just like Mr Edison, for I have in my wife a wonderful nurse. I expect that I will be confined to laying down and propped up like this for several weeks. I am very glad for one thing I have all my clippings of Mr Edison all pasted in a book and I like to run through these and read of all his early experiments. Years ago I used to work on the old Edison Bi Polar Dynamos and there are some of these left today as I saw some over in the Electrical Department of the University of Illinois. I have an early model of Mr Edisons Dictaphone and followed him through in his Phonograph experiments from his earliest model up to his last the Diamond Disc. The record Mr Edison made during the war is still very good and I preserve this and think a great deal of it.

I recall most of Mr Edisons early experiments with the Electric Motor, Storage Battery, and his many other Electrical devices and had wished that in my early years I could have become associated with Mr Edisons works and to have worked with him for I love my work just the same as I knew that he did this. I guess he never knew and often wondered who used to send him those Birthday cards every year but I never forgot him. You must have beautiful thought of Mr Edison now. knowing how you used to help him out during his inventions. At the time Mr Edison spoke on the radio from Mr Fords place at Dearborn I was sitting in my little room here all set with Mr Edisons Dictaphone and amplifiers trying to record his voice but static made it bad so it was not very clear. Electricity is a wonderful force and so much remains yet to be explored and I wish Mr Edison could have been spared another 20 years. for he had such a methodical way of digging into any subject that he took up. I dont get to experiment very much for our work keeps us busy but was an early experimenter on the Wireless Phone with good results it was only a hobby but we got a lot of deep study out of it. I was born in London, England, and well remember as a boy the first installation of the Incandescent Lamp there that was a long long time ago. I hope that the Balance of your life is happy and full of the fond rememberances that you have of all of Mr Edisons work and the world knows and you must know that great credit is due to you for the inspiration you must have given Mr Edison at different times and I am very much in hopes that at some day the Nation will see fit to preserve Mr Edisons Birthday as a National Holiday for in his work and what he has given to the world he is certainly worthy of this honor

And now I must close and I hope that this little note finds you well, and soon I will be able to be up and about again and so remain.

Yours Sincerely
Joseph Fairhall, Jr.

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Title
[F5F21BO], Letter from Miller Reese Hutchison to Fred A Fish, December 31st, 1931

Author
Hutchison, Miller Reese

Recipient
Fish, Fred A

Mentioned
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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Dear Mr.Fish:

Mrs.Edison has asked me to write and tell you how very much your letter of last July to Mr.Edison was appreciated. Mr. Edison's illness in August prevented acknowledgment then; but your reminiscences of Mr.Edison's boyhood days are very dear to her now, and she will treasure your letter.

She sends you her thanks and her best wishes.

M.H. - for Mrs.Edison

Dec.31, 1931.

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Author
Fischer, Blanche D

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Date
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Blanche D. Fischer -
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In Sympathy

about a dozen years ago.
I was with one of the
tone-test groups.

Whatever comfort
there may be in sympathy
is extended to you in deepest
sincerity

✓

Blanche Dann Fischer
1074 S. Lucerne Blvd
Los Angeles, Cal.

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Author
Hutchinson, Jennie Torriani (Mrs Joseph)

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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- Edison Pioneers
- Hutchinson, Joseph

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Mrs. Joseph Hutchinson
and daughters
L-Pio.

130 East 24th St.
New York City

Heartfelt sympathy from
Mrs. Jos.
Jennie Torriani Hutchinson
Lenore H. Hanna
Aimée H. Ryder
Widow & daughters of
Joseph Hutchinson, one
of the Edison Pioneers.

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Jamison, William L

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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William L. Jamison L-C4B ✓

268 East 241 ST.
New York City

My dear Mrs Edison:

Please accept the sincere sympathy for the loss of your husband the late Thomas A. Edison. He was very greatly respected and admired by me a former employee.

Sincerely
William L. Jamison